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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

S. 1. Special Branch *Station* File No. Date March 31, 1941.

SUBJECT: Exhibition of modern Japanese dramatic performances and moving pictures to be held at the Japanese Modern Science Library in Shanghai.

The Japanese Modern Science Library in Shanghai at No.149 Szechuen Road will hold an exhibition of Japanese dramatic performances and moving pictures in two rooms on the ground floor of the Library building between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily for a period of four days commencing April 9. Between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. daily a cinema show and Kamishibai (paper picture dramatic plays) will be given at the same place.

The management of the Library desire to hold the exhibition for the purpose of giving the general public a better understanding of real Japanese dramatic and cinematographic art, thereby facilitating cultural interflow between Japan and China. Admission to the exhibition and the entertainment will be free.

When interviewed, Mr, Kamizaki, President of the Library stated that as the exhibition and the entertainment, which are not of a serious nature, are to be given inside the building and would be on a small scale, he would not particularly request the S.M.P. to take precautionary measures.

It is not yet known whether the cinema film to be used is of the ordinary inflammable commercial variety or of the 'safety' type.

A. C. (Special Branch).

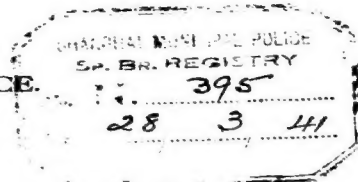
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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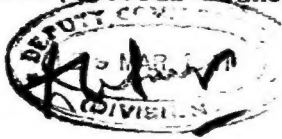
With reference to the attached translation of an article appearing in the March 25th issue of the "Tairiku Shimpo", I have to report that the exhibition will be held in the ground floor rooms of the Japanese Modern Science Library in Shanghai, located at No. 149 Szechuen Road, between a.m. and 6 p.m. daily for a period of four days commencing April 9. Between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. daily a cinema show will be given at the same place.

Articles to be shown at the exhibition have not yet arrived from Japan and the programme has not yet been drawn up. Upon the arrival of the exhibits from Japan, the management of the library will officially forward a letter to the S.M.P. requesting the necessary precautionary measures.

Admission to the exhibition and the entertainment will be free of charge.



A.C. (Special Branch)



*Yong*  
D. S.

*DC (214)*  
*Su*

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*Commissioner*  
*These performances will be held inside which should give no cause for complaint*

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March 25, 1941.

MAINICHI :-

KOREAN SOCIETY TO BE MERGED WITH THE JAPANESE  
RESIDENTS' CORPORATION

In conformity with the desire of the Japanese Consulate-General, the Japanese Residents' Corporation will take over the Korean Society. In this connection, an ordinary meeting of the Corporation will be held on March 25, at which a proposition to take over the Korean Society will be made.

The Korean Society is granted by the Government of Chosen a sum of Yen 10,000 every year for the expenses of its kindergarten, Yen 8,000 by the Japanese Foreign Office and Yen 3,000 by the Harada-sekizen-kai Association.

The property owned by the Korean Society at present is valued at Yen 13,400, while the Society has no deficit.

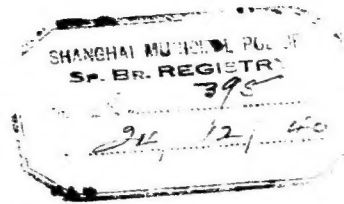
MAINICHI :-

EXHIBITION OF MODERN JAPANESE DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES  
AND MOVING PICTURES TO BE HELD AT THE JAPANESE  
MODERN SCIENCE LIBRARY IN SHANGHAI

With a view to enabling Chinese people to have a better understanding of Japanese dramatic performances and moving pictures, the Japanese Modern Science Library in Shanghai will hold an exhibition of modern Japanese dramatic performances and moving pictures in its building on Szechuen Road for three days from March 9.

The articles to be exhibited will be classified into dramatic performance section and moving picture section.





Misc. 1179/40.

Central

Dec. 19th,

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2.30p.m. - 3p.m.  
19-12-40.

149 Szechuen Road.

Malicious damage to the painted Arch of  
the exhibition at the Modern Science  
Library of Japan, 149 Szechuen Road.

Sir,

At 2.15p.m. 19-12-40, a telephone message was received at this station from the Modern Science Library of Japan to the effect that some anti-Japanese slogans written by pencil were found on the gate post of the above mentioned address.

Enquiries by C.D.S. 39 and D.P.S. Honda.

According to a Japanese named J. Kusuda (許田部 正) Chief of General Dept. of the library, at 12noon 19-12-40, he was leaving the premises for partaking of his tiffin when he observed the slogans written on the gate-post which had been decorated for the Exhibition of Japanese Literature held since 14-12-40.

He explained that this might have been done between 12noon and 10a.m. this date when he had attended the office and found nothing abnormal.

The slogans read as follows:-

1. Anti-Japanese Imperialism (抗日帝國主義)
2. Annihilate traitors (消滅一切漢奸)
3. Up hold Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek (擁護蔣委員長)
4. Resist to the end. (抗戰到底到底)

The slogans were erased by a coolie employed by the library in accordance with the order by Police.

One C.P.C. has been especially detailed outside



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C.D.S.

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the exhibition pending its conclusion on 27-11-40.

*T. J. H. H. H.*  
Sen. H. L.

*W. F. S.*  
D. F. S.

D.D.O. "A"

Copy <sup>to</sup> Special Branch.

\*A\*

Misc. 1179/49

Central  
18/12/40

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10.20a.m.-10.50a.m.  
18/12/40

No.149 Szechuen Rd.  
and its vicinity.

Malicious damage to the painted arch  
of the exhibition at the Modern  
Science Library of Japan, 149 Szechuen Rd.  
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Sir,

At 10.15a.m. 18/12/40 a telephone message  
was received from the Modern Science Library of  
Japan reporting that malicious damage had been  
done to the gate-post of the above premises.

C.P.C.117 and the undersigned proceeded  
to the scene and ascertained the following:-

Between 5p.m. 17/12/40 and 9a.m. 18/12/40  
some person unknown smeared, with Chinese black  
ink, the red painted arch of the Modern Science  
Library of Japan, No.149 Szechuen Road where the  
Exhibition of Japanese Literature has been held  
since 14/12/40.

It will be recalled that on 10/12/40 an anti-  
Japanese slogan was found chalked on the same  
gate-post (Subject of Misc.1150/40), and it is  
considered that the mischief has political significance

Enquiries in the vicinity failed to locate  
any eye-witness to the offence.

The nearest police were:-

9 Post

3p.m.-7p.m. 17/12/40

C.P.C.1474.

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Branch*



*17/12*

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7p.m.-11p.m. 17/12/40 C.P.C. 2379.

7a.m. -11a.m. 18/12/40 C.P.C. 2044.

Traffic Duty at Szechuen & Foochow Rds. corner.

3p.m.-7p.m. 17/12/40 S.P.C. 34

7p.m.-11p.m.17/12/40 C.P.C. 1436

Patrol on Szechuen Road between Foochow & Av. 3d.Vll.

11p.m.17/12/40 & 7a.m. 18/12/40 C.P.C. 1710.

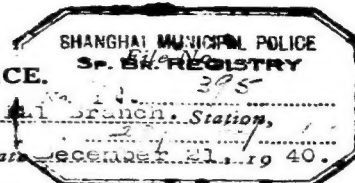
Duties will be warned to be on the look-out  
for this kind of offence.

  
Sen. Det. 1/c

  
D. P. S.  
C.D.S.117

D. D. O. "A"

*Callen to file at  
Hogan's found at  
New Canton*  
SHANCHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.



REPORT

Subject..... Reception of the Shanghai Modern Science Library, Szechuen Road,  
..... on December 22.

Made by..... D. S. Kawashita..... Forwarded by..... D. I. Crawford.....

The Shanghai Modern Science Library, No. 149  
Szechuen Road (Japanese), has been holding an exhibition  
relating to Japanese literature since December 14.  
On December 22, Sunday, the public will be excluded,  
and a number of Japanese and Chinese prominent  
officials and businessmen will be invited to see the  
exhibition between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. In connection  
with this, the management of the library requests the  
Municipal Police to adopt precautionary measures during  
the period.

*Leve*

*22/12/40*

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*D. Kawashita*  
D. S.



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C O P Y  
*Original on 8-5-37*

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Misc.1150/40.

Central  
10.12.40.

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3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
10.12.40.

Foochow Road.  
Hankow Road.  
Kiangse Road.  
Det. Office.

Anti-Japanese slogan Chalked on the wall along  
Foochow Road, Hankow Road and Kiangse Road.

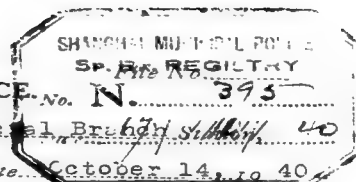
At 3.30p.m. on 10.12.40 a telephone message was received from Sgt. N. Itakura attached to the Japanese Military Police stationed at the Bank of Communication reporting that Anti-Japanese slogans had been chalked on the wall along Szechuen Road near Foochow Road.

C.D.C.344 and the undersigned proceeded to Szechuen Road and ascertained that the under-mentioned Anti-Japanese and Anti-Wang Ching Wei slogans were chalked on the wall outside the Modern Science Library of Japan, No.149 Szechuen Road, M.B.C.No.185 Szechuen Road, and on wall along Szechuen Road between Foochow Road and Hankow Road, along Hankow Road between Szechuen Road and Kiangse Road, and also on the opposite side of Municipal Administration Building.

1. Anti-Waung Ching Wei (反汪)
2. Continue to Resist (继续抗暴).
3. Anti-Japanese (反日抗日).

The slogans were immediately erased by station coolies.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE



REPORT

Subject: Central News Agency and Central China Daily News - to hold an exhibition of travellers' photos.

Made by: D. I. Kao Yen Ken Forwarded by: D. I. Crawford

At 3 p.m. October 14, Chih Hung Sung (吉鴻盛), a coolie of the Central China Daily News, Chinese Chamber of Commerce Building, North Honan Road, called at police headquarters and requested permission to post copies of a poster on the walls of houses in the Settlement. A specimen is attached. The poster relates to an exhibition of photos taken by travellers while in North China and Hankow and is sponsored by the Central News Agency, the Central China Daily News and the Modern Scientific Library (Japanese). According to the poster the exhibition will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. between October 14 and 21 in the Modern Scientific Library, corner of Szechuen and Foochow Roads.

On the instructions of D. I. Crawford, he was instructed to inform the sponsors that permission should be obtained first from the S.M.C. before such posters can be posted. He promised to carry out the instructions.

A visit has been paid to the exhibition, most of the exhibits are of landscapes and there is nothing of an objectionable nature.

D. C. (Special Branch).

October

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Secretary & Commissioner General,

S. M. C.

Reference: Letter from Miss P.R. Gulston,  
dated September 30, 1940.

Subject: Complaint of noise from open air  
cinema adjoining Hamilton House.

I forward herewith copy of a Police report on the above mentioned incident.

Application was made to the Police by the Shanghai Japanese Modern Science Library for permission to screen a cinema performance and to play gramophone records in the compound at the rear of their library at 149 Szechuen Road. As the programme was not of a political nature and no entrance fees were being charged the Police informed them that no permission was necessary.

Should it be possible to trace the ownership of the medicine bottle or the persons who threw the eggs a further report will be forwarded.

*(Rmt. 4/1)*  
DC (Sp. Br.) (Gr) 4/1  
*(Dir) H.L. 4/1*

*It would appear reasonable to*  
*refuse such applications in*  
*future in view of the circumstances*  
JHS

Sd. K. M. Bourne.  
Commissioner of Police.

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DATE 8/10/40



Incident during a cinema performance at Shanghai Japanese Modern Science Library, 149 Szechuen Road.

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A responsible official of the Shanghai Japanese Modern Science Library has been interviewed and requested to avoid making unnecessary noise at future performances.

Residents of the Hamilton House have also been warned by Inspector White.

Investigations revealed that some 800 persons attended the performance on the evening of September 29 and that most of these people were Chinese.

The performance was held in the compound at the rear of the Museum and which is just below the East Wing of the Hamilton House.

Talking pictures were shown and music played throughout the performance, which started at 8 p.m. and finished shortly after 10 p.m.

The compound is located between high buildings and the noise of the talking machine must have been heard on the top floors of the Hamilton House.

Complaints filed with the Police by residents of the Hamilton House are justified and there can be no doubt about it that those organising the performance must be aware of this and the annoyance they were causing to others.

One resident of the Hamilton House informed the undersigned that the noise was terrible and that he did not consider it wise for the Japanese to hold such a performance in view of the political tension.

The following complaints received from residents on Sept. 29 substantiate the above:-

7.40 p.m.  
29-9-40.

FROM MISS GULSTON, 804 HAMILTON HOUSE

Complaining re noise being caused by Japanese conducting an open-air cinema performance in the compound of premises situated next to and East of Hamilton House for several consecutive nights.

7.50 p.m.  
29-9-40.

FROM MRS. C. FLETCHER, 809 HAMILTON HOUSE

Reporting some Japanese conducting an open-air cinema show in the compound adjoining Hamilton House on the East side of Foochow Road for the 2nd night, and so far as could be ascertained are going to continue the show next night as well. The pictures shown seem to be of purely propaganda character and may have grave consequences if some Chinese attempts to throw a grenade or something of the kind.

9.15 p.m.  
29-9-40.

FROM MISS GULSTON, 804 HAMILTON HOUSE

Further to earlier complaint re noise caused by open-air cinema show conducted by Japanese in the compound adjoining Hamilton House at the East repeating complaint.

Both parties were informed that the performance had been sanctioned and that a police-officer would be sent to try and stop the noise.

The egg throwing incident occurred after 9 p.m. and an examination of the spot revealed evidence to indicate that several eggs had been thrown into the compound from the Hamilton House or adjoining buildings.

Mr. Cho Son Ki, who was interviewed, stated the eggs were scattered amongst the audience quite near to the projecting machine.

The sudden shock caused the audience to rise from their seats and flee in panic to the exit gate.

Pandemonium reigned for a few minutes and at least three Chinese are known to have sustained slight injuries in addition to ten benches being broken.

Order was soon restored and the performance continued, but the majority of the patrons had already left.

A second incident occurred after the performance when a medicine bottle was thrown at a Chinese coolie who was clearing up the compound.

Mr. Cho Son Ki further stated that water was thrown at him from the Hamilton House just before the performance started.

The throwing of the eggs into the midst of the audience was foolhardy act and might have had grave results. There can be no excuse for this despite the provocation.

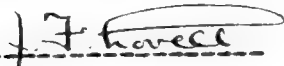
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Mr. Fletcher stated that he did not think it wise for the Police to permit such performance.

Efforts are being made to trace the owner of the medicine bottle.

Further report will be submitted.

Certified true copy

  
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POLICE FORCE FOR CHINA

804 Hamilton House  
Foochow Road  
Shanghai

30th September 1940

The Secretariat,  
Shanghai Municipal Council,  
Shanghai.

Dear Sirs,

It was with great surprise that I learned from the Officer-in-Charge, Charge Room, Central Police Station, that permission had been granted to a Japanese concern immediately next to the East side of Hamilton House to hold an open air cinema. The hours, granted, from 8 O'clock to 10 might be considered reasonable but if could not have been realized at the time permission was given that the cinema would have been accompanied by the blaring noise of a loud speaker.

I strongly protest but hope for no comfort of relief for yet perhaps another painful two hours.

During the past two years, building have been allowed to hammer away in the vicinity. My only dread is that this permission having been given one might be let in for a disquieting winter, should other Japanese apply.

Your faithfully,

(signed) P.R. Gulston

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C.C. (Siv.) has  
already called for a  
report.  
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*A. C. Morrison*

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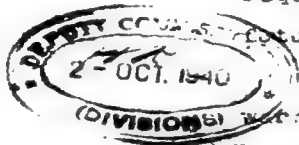
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INCIDENT DURING A CINEMA PERFORMANCE  
AT SHANGHAI JAPANESE MODERN SCIENCE  
LIBRARY, 149 SZECHUEN ROAD.

*C.P. -  
No further  
performance  
expected*

Sir,

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H.K.

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Efforts are being made to trace the owner of the medicine bottle.

Further report will be submitted.

D. D. *[Signature]* "A"

*no performance can be held*

*[Signature]*  
P. I.

TAIRIKU SHIMPO.

INCIDENT CONCERNING GATHERING HELD BY JAPANESE  
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Several Chinese were injured at a meeting of the Japan Modern Science Library at 9.20 p.m. on Sept. 29, when an unidentified person threw no less than 20 eggs from the floor, supposed to be the sixth, of the Hamilton House at an audience of 800 attending the "Evening of movie and music showing Japanese cultural development" which was held under the auspices of the Science Library. As the audience took the eggs for bombs, a disturbance was created and as a result several of them were injured. After it was found that it was eggs that were thrown, the performance was continued and at about 10 o'clock the meeting ended. Shortly after that when coolies of the Library were cleaning the place a bottle of medicine was thrown from an upper floor of the Hamilton House. Fortunately no one was injured this time, but an official of the Library reported the incident to the Central Police Station and asked for a search for the culprit.

A formal protest will be made with the S.M.P. on the 30th.

An official of the Science Library told a representative of the Tairiku Shimpō as follows:

"A policeman of the S.M.P. came to the meeting place during the performance and said that a complaint was made by a foreigner living in the Hamilton House. He explained that the gathering was being held for three nights from 8 to 10 o'clock with the permission of the Police. He understood the situation and left the place, encouraging us. It was shortly after that policeman left that eggs were thrown. The culprit may be the foreigner who made a complaint to the Police. Attack on such a cultural gathering is most deplorable. We hope that the Police will effectively suppress such activities. As there is a label on the bottle of medicine, the culprit will without fail be identified".

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(Trans. by Y.N.)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.I, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date. Sept. 27, 1940.

Subject. Cinema performance at 149, Szechuen Road.

Made by. D.P.S. T.Yonezawa, Forwarded by D.I. Crawford.

On 26/9/40 a letter was received from the Shanghai Japanese Modern Science Library, 149, Szechuen Road, chopped by one, T.Kamizaki, director, asking permission to screen a cinema performance and to play gramophone records on 28, 29 and 30 September 1940, between 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The Modern Science Library is an educational institute for the dissemination of scientific knowledge, which, among other activities conducts a Japanese language night school for Chinese students.

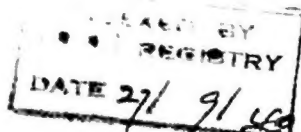
The programme on 28-29-30 September will consist of scenic studies, pictorial records of Japanese customs, new Japanese industries etc., all of a non-political nature, and produced by the Central China Film Company and International Tourist Bureau of Japanese Railways; gramophone records will also be played.

All pictures have been passed by the Japanese censorship office.

No admission fee will be charged and tickets can be obtained by anybody, irrespective of nationality. Applicants, however, will be called upon to demonstrate that they are literate.

Accommodation will be provided for about 400 persons.

A number of invitations have already been



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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.....Station,

Date..... 19

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Subject.....

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sent out to Chinese schools and literary associations, organs of the City Government, and to many Japanese firms with Chinese employees.

The performances will be given on the compound behind the Library.

*W. J. H. S.*  
D. F. S.

D.C. (Special Branch)

Shanghai, 25th Sept. 1940.

To the In Charge of the Central Station.

Dear Sirs:

We should be very much obliged if you would permit us the under the title of " Moving Picture and Music enjoying Evening " on which effect from 28th to 30th instant, beginning from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. (Japanese Standard Time)

P L A C E :

At Compound of in this station.

The natures of these parties are in order to introduce the Japanese Civilizations, Customs, and Common words through the Ear and Eye to the lack of peoples.

Under the auspice of Shanghai Japanese Modern Science Library, as mentioned under separate cover.

Waiting of your favourable reply, and beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

**Memorandum.**POLICE FORCE.  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 25-9-1940.

To D. O. A.

Sir,

Enquiries ascertained that  
show is limited to employees  
& is only scenes of Japan's  
beauty spots. Nothing political  
contained in film.

C. M. B.